

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 173**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
214th LEGISLATURE**

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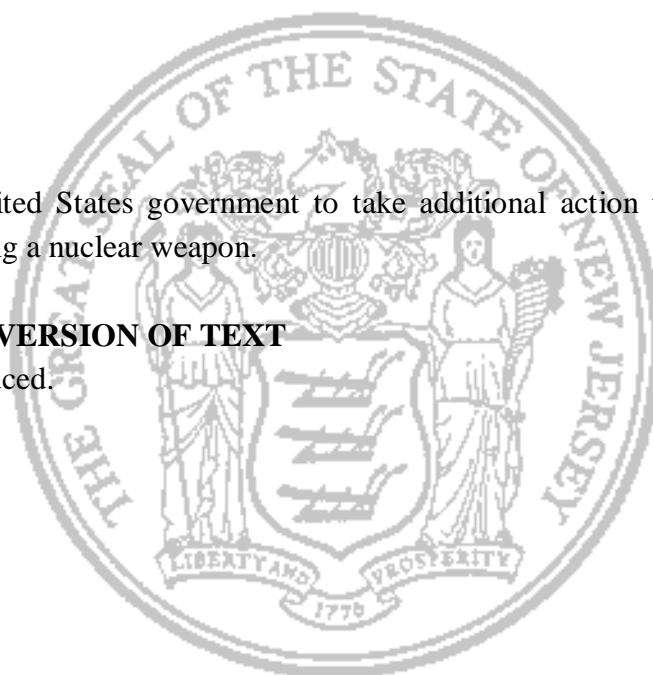
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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges United States government to take additional action to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging the United States government  
2       to take additional action to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear  
3       weapon.

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5   **WHEREAS**, The government of Iran is identified by the United States  
6       Department of State as a State-sponsor of terrorism; and

7   **WHEREAS**, Iran has a radical foreign policy that is hostile to the  
8       foreign interests of America and its allies in the Middle East, by  
9       funding and supporting groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah that  
10      actively undermine American peace efforts with violence; and

11   **WHEREAS**, An accelerated long range missile testing and development  
12      program in conjunction with certain nuclear activities which have  
13      no civilian purpose suggest that Iran is attempting to develop  
14      nuclear weapons; and

15   **WHEREAS**, The presence of a nuclear-armed Iran would present a  
16      substantial and immediate threat to the United States and its allies  
17      in the Middle East, especially Israel, while potentially destabilizing  
18      the world by setting off a nuclear arms race among other countries  
19      in the Middle East; and

20   **WHEREAS**, Although current efforts to stop the Iranian nuclear  
21      program through diplomacy and sanctions have had an impact on  
22      the Iranian economy, they have not changed the behavior of Iran or  
23      kept it from advancing its nuclear ambitions; and

24   **WHEREAS**, There are additional steps that can be taken to put pressure  
25      on Iran by sanctioning the Central Bank of Iran, limiting access to  
26      refined petroleum products, and enforcing current United States  
27      sanctions against investment by energy companies in Iran's energy  
28      sector, while coupling diplomatic outreach with these tough new  
29      sanctions; now, therefore,

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31       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
32      Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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34       1. The Legislature hereby urges the United States government  
35      to implement additional sanctions, diplomatic pressure, and  
36      financial divestment against Iran in order to prevent Iran from  
37      obtaining nuclear weapons.

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39       2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
40      Speaker of the General Assembly and the President of the Senate  
41      and attested by the Clerk of the General Assembly and the Secretary  
42      of the Senate, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice-  
43      President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
44      House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority leaders of the  
45      United States Senate and United States House of Representatives,  
46      and each member of the United States Congress elected from this  
47      State.

STATEMENT

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3       This resolution urges the United States government to utilize  
4 additional sanctions, financial divestment, and increased diplomatic  
5 pressure to stop Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. Iran has  
6 been identified by the Department of State as a State-sponsor of  
7 terrorism, and it has engaged in a foreign policy that is hostile to the  
8 United States and our allies in the Middle East. Iran claims to be  
9 engaging in a peaceful nuclear energy program, but reports from the  
10 International Atomic Energy Agency have shown that they are  
11 engaging in nuclear activities with no civilian purpose, while  
12 working to develop long range ballistic missiles. The current  
13 sanctions against Iran have had a significant impact on the Iranian  
14 economy and its oil production capacity in particular. That impact  
15 has not had the desired result of forcing Iran to change its behavior  
16 and end its nuclear program. In order to accomplish this goal,  
17 further economic sanctions and financial divestiture is needed,  
18 including sanctions against the Central Bank of Iran, limiting access  
19 to refined petroleum products, and enforcing current United States  
20 sanctions against energy companies that invest in Iran's energy  
21 sector. This would increase the pressure on Iran and hopefully have  
22 the desired effect of forcing Iran to stop its nuclear program.